

BISCAYNE GARDENS MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BGMAC)
MINUTES
APRIL 14, 2005

Present: Anne Cates, Estomene Dorcely, Vernell Everett, Roger Gordon, Cheree Gulley, Michelle McCook, Patricia Dozier-Washington

Meeting called to order by V. Everett. Minutes amended by A. Cates, second by R. Gordon. Next meeting tentatively scheduled for 4/28/05 at the Biscayne Gardens Civic Association. If there is no conflict with Miami-Dade County, Ms. Gulley will make change of location in newspaper ad. She also provided written explanation for several questions and concerns raised by the board members at the last BGMAC meeting. The document addresses several issues regarding proposed drainage projects and other budgeted projects within Biscayne Gardens.

The Municipal Trust Fund provides breakdown of mitigation fees applied to different incorporated municipalities. The ordinance passed by the Board of County Commissioners assures that fees received from donor communities will be spent in the affected areas of unincorporated Dade County. Prior to the ordinance, the fees collected were being placed in the County's general funds.

The County has to abide by the terms of contract between Miami-Dade Police Department and the new municipality. The new municipality has the option to change any assigned police officers if the area is unhappy with the service. City may also extend the contract with the police department after the three year contract ends. Ms. Gulley cautioned the board about comparing police services for Biscayne Gardens with the number of police officers assigned to Cutler Ridge. The number of officers assigned to an area is based on the number of calls for service for an area.

On the question of city election it was explained that the County conducts and pays for all elections in unincorporated Dade County. If an area incorporates then the new city will be responsible for the costs of election within their boundaries.

Property values in Biscayne Gardens have increased. This equates to increased revenues for our neighborhood.

Beautification is part of County allocation and Quality Neighborhood Improvement Program (QNIP) and covers installation sidewalks, beautification etc.. Biscayne Gardens needs an update on QNIP projects in our area. Board also needs breakdown for cost of service for Jeb Estates.

Motion to adjourn.